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1. RUMANIA TODAY ON BEHALF OF ARGENTINA, CANADA, CHILE, PAKISTAN, PERU, RUMANIA, TUNISIA, TURKEY, YUGO AND ZAIRE INTRODUCED RES ON THE ROLE OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES. OPERATIVE PARAS QUOTED BELOW.

BEGIN QUOTE:

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE SYG (E/5238):

2. REAFFIRMS THAT IT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF EVERY COUNTRY TO DECIDE, ON A SOVEREIGN BASIS, ITS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PRIORITIES AND THE METHODS IT CONSIDERS BEST SUITED TO DEAL WITH ITS PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;

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3. RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

ESTABLISHING AT A NATIONAL LEVEL THEIR OWN STRATEGIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PRIORITIES AND PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT;

4. URGES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO INTENSIFY AND INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST TO:

(I) DETERMINE THEIR STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL;

(II) ACCELERATE THE TRAINING OF SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS AND OTHER QUALIFIED PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRIORITIES;

(III) STRENGTHEN THEIR EXISTING SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND AS APPROPRIATE ESTABLISH NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND RELATED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL STRUCTURES;

(IV) DEVELOP THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGIES ADAPTED TO THEIR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS;

(V) ENJOY THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY WHICH SHOULD BE ON AN EQUITABLE, NON-DISCRIMINATORY, AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS INTER ALIA THROUGH AN IMPROVED ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY ON FAIR AND REASONABLE TERMS;

(VI) STUDY THOROUGHLY THE POSSIBILITIES OF MAKING USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES WITH THE VIEW TO ACCELERATING THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

5. INVITES THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SELF-RELIANCE;

6. CONSIDERS THAT THE PLANNING OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD BE HARMONIZED AND GRADUALLY INTEGRATED INTO A UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY;
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7. FURTHER CONSIDERS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO INITIATE NEW ACTIONS TO INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION PERMITTING ALL COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BENEFIT FROM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ACCELERATION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS;

8. REAFFIRMS THAT THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR

DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE ELABORATION AND CONTINUING EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS POLICY IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. UNESCO, UNCTAD IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD CO-OPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FULFILLING ITS TASKS;

9. NOTES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SYG ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE ELABORATION OF A UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

10. DECIDES TO EVALUATE THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT THE USES OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ON THIS BASIS TO APPRAISE THE RESULTS ACHIEVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PROMOTE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR APPLICATION TO DEVELOPMENT BY THE TIME OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND TO PREPARE BIENNIAL EVALUATIONS THEREAFTER. END QUOTE

2. US DEL ENDEAVORING TO HAVE SYG'S REPORT (E/5238) MENTIONED IN OP PARA 1 REFERRED BACK TO SECOND SESSION CSTD FOR MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION AND REPORT TO 57TH ECOSOC. AT PRESENT SYG REPORT IS INCLUDED ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA 29TH GA AND EFFECT OF RUMANIAN RESOLUTION WOULD BE FOR ECOSOC TO PASS SYG'S REPORT THERE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF PROPER CONSIDERATION BY CSTD.

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3. WE ALSO ENDEAVORING ATTENUATE LANGUAGE OF OP PARA 9 RE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SO THAT AT MOST CSTD WOULD BE ASKED TO EXAMINE "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THE DESIRABILITY" OF CONVENING SUCH CONFERENCE.

OPPOSITION TO EARLY CONSIDERATION THIS QUESTION VOICED IN GENERAL DEBATE THUS FAR BY MONGOLIA, KENYA, AND FRANCE. US DEL WILL ALSO MAKE SIMILAR COMMENT IN ITS STATEMENT ON ITEM 10. SOVIET BLAOC HAS INDICATED GENERALLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IN CORRIDOR DISCUSSION.

4. RE OP PARA 4 (V) WE WOULD STATE DURING DISCUSSION OF RES IN COMMITTEE THAT BULK OF TECHNOLOGY IN US IS PRIVATELY CONTROLLED AND NOT SUBJECT TO DIRECTION OF US GOVERNMENT. ALSO, WE WOULD NOTE THAT OUR ACQUIESCENCE IN CALL ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MAKE

INCREASED EFFORTS CONCERNING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY
WHICH SHOULD BE ON "NON-DISCRIMINATORY" BASIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE
TO NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS FIELD.

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